DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO:

COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMISSIONER RAPER COMMISSION SECRETARY

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WORKING FILE

FROM:

CAROLEE HALL

DATE:

AUGUST 25, 2015

RE:

POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY ("POTLATCH") REQUESTING COMMISSION APPROVAL TO INCREASE RATES ON ITS SAFETY

LINE AND SECURITY LINE SERVICE BUNDLES; ADVICE 15-05.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On August 25, 2015, Potlatch filed Advice No. 15-05 requesting Commission approval to increase its tariffed rates for its Safety Line and Security Line bundles. The Company seeks an effective date of September 28, 2015.

Safety Line Service is a bundle for residential customers who have their main telecommunication service with a wireless provider, but require a basic access line for back-up and high speed data. The bundle includes a Residential one-party line and 1.5 Mbps high speed data. The Company is seeking authority to increase the DSL portion of its rates as follows:

Bundle Base Rate – DSL Market A \$53.95 increased to \$59.20 Market areas are based upon the service area of the customer location.

Security Line Service is also a bundle for residential customers who have their main telecommunications service with a wireless provider and require a basic access line for back-up and emergency service along with their high speed data, however this service provides 1 Mbps high speed data. The Company notes that other data speeds may be available for an additional charge. The Company is seeking authority to increase the DSL portion of its rates as follows:

Bundle Base Rate – DSL Market A \$43.95 increased to \$49.20 Market areas are based upon the service area of the customer location.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed this tariff filing for the Company's bundled service(s) and recommends approval with an effective date of September 28, 2015.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?

Carolee Hall

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